



News Media Advisory

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NEWS MEDIA ADVISORY:

"Ninety-One deployed reservists to return home"

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YOUNGSTOWN AIR RESERVE STATION, OHIO – Ninety-one reservists from the 910th Airlift Wing are scheduled to return here Friday, June 27, 2003, at 1 p.m. via two C-130 aircraft from the 910th. These reservists have been deployed to Ramstein Air Base, Germany since early March in support of Operation Joint Forge. The operation is part of a NATO-led Stabilization Force supporting peacekeeping operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina. This operation began June 20, 1998 when Operation Joint Guard ended.

While deployed, the reservists were also called upon to support other military operations including Operation Iraqi Freedom. Aircrew members regularly flew C-130 missions in and out of Iraq supporting the troops on the ground there. Other countries the reservists performed duty at include: Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, England, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Spain, and Turkey.

Another major event occurred May 30 when a 910th Airlift C-130 crew delivered 7.5 tons of humanitarian relief supplies to Algiers, Algeria after a 6.8 magnitude earthquake rocked the coastal city. Twenty-three hundred people were killed during the quake and over 10,000 injured. The 910th C-130 was the first U.S. military aircraft to deliver relief supplies there after the earthquake.

The returning reservists will be greeted by family members during a welcome home celebration immediately following the landing of the C-130s.

Over 100 more reservists deployed to Germany from the 910th Airlift Wing are expected to return here Friday, July 4, 2003. A welcome home celebration will also be held then. Further information regarding the return of reservists on July 4 will be provided as it becomes available.

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NEWS MEDIA ADVISORY: News media crews wishing to provide coverage to this event should plan on arriving at the main gate between 12:15 and 12:30 p.m. on Friday for escort to the flightline area. Interested news media should confirm their attendance by calling the 910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at (330) 609-1236 before Friday.